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SUBJ: :RHODESIA:ANCI HARD LINE ON TALKS

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1. CAPE TIMES HAS REPORTED THAT AFRICAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE (ANC) HAS ANNOUNCED IT WANTS DETAINED AND BANNED AFRICAN LEADERS PRESENT AT SETTLEMENT TALKS. PREPARED STATEMENT READ AUGUST 4 BY ANC SECRETARY-GENERAL DR. GORDON CHAVUNDUKA ALSO SAID PROPOSED INDABA (NATIONAL CONFERENCE) WAS 'NARROW AND LIMITED' AND 'A USELESS EXERCISE.'

2. ANC NATIONAL EXECUTIVE ENDORSED SUSPENSION OF TALKS BETWEEN BISHOP MUZOREWA AND SMITH AND CONFIRMED MUZOREWA'S REJECTION OF SETTLEMENT INDABA. STATEMENT SAID, 'THE ANC WILL AGREE TO ATTEND A FULL CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE... WITH ALL GENUINE LEADERS OF POLITICAL PARTIES AND INCLUDING THE DETAINED LEADERS AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.'

3. HARD-LINE ANNOUNCEMENT SUPPORTS MUZOREWA'S POSITION
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(REFTEL) THAT DETAINED LEADER DR. EDSON SITHOLE'S PRESENCE

A REQUISITE FOR SETTLEMENT TALKS. WOULD ALSO INDICATE
THAT OTHER DETAINEES, SUCH AS JOSHUA NKOMO AND DR.NDABANINGI
SITHOLE MUST ALSO BE DELEGATES.

COMMENT

4. IN LIGHT OF INCREASING POLARIZATION AS REFLECTED BY
RECENT GENERAL ELECTION,STIFF STAND PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED
BY ANC CASTS FURTHER DOUBTS ON RESUMPTION OF TALKS BETWEEN
SMITH AND ANC

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